

Be the Church: Check out the ways to get involved below!
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
Monday-10AM Lutheran Hillside Communion
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love
Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day/Party
Tuesday-7PM Cantata Practice
Wednesday-6:30AM MMM Prayer Group
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting
Wednesday-5PM Last Dinner Church of 2023
Wednesday-6:30PM Last Family Ministry Night of 2023
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
Thursday-9:30AM Hannah Circle
Thursday-5:45PM Bells Practice
Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study
Thursday-7PM Cantata Practice
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk Group
Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School (All Ages)
Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

Be the Church:

Scan the QR code to see the upcoming events for next week!
You can also download our app to keep up to date with events in the church!



MORTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Schedule:

- Traditional Service: 8:30 am
- Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

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Website: www.mortonumc.org

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Morton Methodist Church Announcements

Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars! We will be having our Christmas Cantata Services on Sunday, December 17th at the Traditional Service (8:30am) with highlights given at the Cross Connections Service (10:45am).

Poinsettia orders

We have started taking orders for poinsettias this year. Poinsettias are available to be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one for \$18. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Please return forms by **Monday, December 18th**.

Last FM night and Dinner Church of 2023

Please join us this Wednesday (12/13) for our last Dinner Church and Family Ministry night of 2023! Dinner will begin at 5pm and Family Ministry Night will begin at 6:30pm. We plan to resume normal activities on January 10th.

Manna from Heaven

The Methodist Men are collecting hams to take to Manna from Heaven for Christmas. We are hoping to collect 110 hams. We will deliver the hams on Tuesday December 19th. Please put your hams in the church's walk-in refrigerator by **Monday December 18th**. Please see Lynn Losey if you have any questions.

XYZ

XYZ will be meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at 10AM for a Game Day and a Happy Birthday Jesus party. We will play Mexican Trains and have lunch. There will be no more XYZ activities until January. Merry Christmas!

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Worship Service

December 10th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Breath of Heaven* – Jessica Penn
Processional *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – v.2

Call to Worship*

Leader: The One enthroned in heaven laughs,
People: "I have installed my King on Zion!"

Leader: Proclaim the Anointed King of God.
People: Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
UMH 220

Advent Candle Lighting

Children's Choir *Away in a Manger and Silent Night*

Children's Time

Offertory *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
MMC Choir

Doxology*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Isaiah 10:20-27, 11:1-10

Gospel Reading* Mark 1:9-11

Gloria Patri* UMH 70

Sermon "Messiah"
Pastor Bill Novak

Anointing

Closing Hymn* *Angels We Have Heard on High*
UMH 238

Benediction*

Refrain* Chorus of *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

1 Samuel 16:1-13:

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.